

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U-902-E) for Adoption of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure Deployment Scenario and Associated Cost Recovery and Rate Design.

Application 05-03-015 (Filed March 15, 2005)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING MODIFYING SCHEDULE

Summary

This Ruling modifies the proceeding schedule in response to the July 18, 2006 Motion by the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) and the Utility Consumers' Action Network (UCAN).

The Motion

On July 18, 2006, DRA and UCAN filed a Motion to Modify the Procedural Schedule.¹ The Motion seeks rejection of the SDG&E amended testimony by striking it, or, in the alternative, extending the date for serving intervenor testimony and rebuttal testimony and resetting the September 7, 2006 scheduling conference. The precipitant event for this Motion was SDG&E's service of over 300 pages of amended testimony on July 14, 2006. DRA and UCAN assert that this amended testimony will require new data requests, it is not red-lined to

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¹ On July 19 I issued an e-mail ruling to all parties shortening response time to the motion. Responses were due July 20. SDG&E was the only party to respond.

show changes from previous testimony, workpapers were not served concurrently with the testimony, and there are several substantive changes to underlying facts and assumptions. Given all of this, DRA and UCAN request changes to procedural schedule to give intervening parties more time to review the totality of SDG&E's testimony if the amended testimony is not stricken.

DRA and TURN also request action to compel SDG&E to provide a red-lined version of the amended testimony, and to direct SDG&E to respond to any data requests referencing the amended testimony within seven days of the request.

SDG&E filed a response on July 20, 2006 and has now provided a red-lined version of the amended testimony. SDG&E says it will endeavor to respond to data requests within seven days. SDG&E states that the information contained in the testimony itself should not be unexpected, as much of the revisions (including the limited erratum) reflect SDG&E's responses to data requests generated by DRA and UCAN. SDG&E says its amended testimony makes only two material changes to SDG&E business case (filed March 15, 2006). First, SDG&E amended the benefit estimates to reflect the latest results from California's Statewide Pricing Pilot (SPP), which were released subsequent to its March 28, 2006 showing. The changes to the elasticities are significant, and SDG&E felt compelled to reflect these results sooner rather than later.

SDG&E says no additional ruling is necessary. However, SDG&E will not dispute the request for a reasonable delay in serving rebuttal testimony, so long as SDG&E has sufficient time to reply.

Discussion

Regardless of the extent of specific revisions in the amended testimony, there is no doubt that more than 300 pages is a lot to digest. SDG&E does not

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dispute that there are substantive changes to its previous testimony. I will deny the motion to strike the amended testimony at this time without prejudice to future motions. If any party wishes to make a later motion to strike any testimony, I will consider it at the prehearing conference or the hearing.

Intervenor testimony is currently due August 1, 2006. To the extent that additional time can be granted to intervenors to consider new material without impacting the overall proceeding schedule, it is reasonable to do so.

Therefore, I will make the following changes to the proceeding schedule adopted in my May 19, 2006 Ruling. Intervenor testimony will be due August 14, 2006. Rebuttal testimony will be due September 7, 2006. The telephonic scheduling conference set for September 7, 2006 is cancelled. A prehearing conference in San Francisco is scheduled for September 14, 2006 at 10:00 am. All other dates remain the same.

All other aspects of the motion are denied.

IT IS RULED that:

- 1. The July 18, 2006 motion of DRA and UCAN is partially granted as to changes to the proceeding schedule and otherwise denied.
 - 2. The procedural schedule is modified as set forth herein.
- 3. A prehearing conference is scheduled for September 14, 2006 in San Francisco at 10:00 am.

Dated July 21, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHELLE COOKE for
David M. Gamson
Administrative Law Judge

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Dated July 21, 2006, at San Francisco, California.



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